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Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman" Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

'Fifteen' for Freckles

Freckles will do her last marching with the Aggie Band a week from today, and that is bad news to many people. For Freckles has become a popular dog—at least so far as those who watch the band are concerned, and though she is a one man dog, whose heart belongs to Hal Mullips, she will be remembered here for a long time.

When a movement was started last year to elect Freckles as official mascot of the school, Mullins agreed to give her to Aggieland. But you can't do dogs that way! Freck-les had been attached to her master for a long time, and was too old to change her ways. So when Mullins graduates, she will "graduate" with him.

In the meantime, by parading with Mullins and the Aggie hand, Freckles has achieved considerable fame. Not another Reveille' she has nevertheless made place of her own in the Aggie Hall of Fame

What 'Mr. President' Requires . . . What qualities must a man possess to

be a successful President of the United States? Cynics might say fluck" But there are qualities of leadership which we find in most of our great national leaders. Henry Steele Commager, writing in the

New York Times Magazine, sets down six qualities, which we must look for in the man we elect next year.

"The most obvious is executive leadership. This quality every phe of our great Presidents has possessed, in varying degrees.

"Whom is the President to lead, and where is he to lead? First public opinion. There is no formula, but one generalization can be made with confidence. Every President who has successfully rallied the public behind his policies has done so by espousing the cause of liberalism and democracy.

Each identified himself with some major popular issue: Jefferson with agrarian democracy; Jackson with the war on the "monster" bank; Lincoln with the survival of the Union and later and more hesitatingly—with the abolition of slavery; Theodore Roosevelt with Progressivism; Wilson with the crusade to make first America, then

An anonymous letter, signed "ardent Freekle fan', asks The Battalion if Freckles is to be honored at her last game.

Should the band salute her? Should they spell her name out across the playing field? Should the whole student body salute her? Should an issue of The Battalion be dedicated to her?" asks this writer, who appears to be a feminine member of the A. & M. staff. "In my opinion, all of them could not repay her for a job well done."

We don't know what plans the band has made, but this is our contribution in appre- Trampling Out the Vintage . . . ciation of Freckles. There will probably never be another dog who will adopt the entire student body, as Reveille did. We hope there will be other dogs who will learn to march with the band, as Freckles has.

Let's give "fifteen" for Freckles!

the world itself, safe for democracy; Franklin Roosevelt with a New Deal and when that had been achieved, with the survival of finding someone who really knows this was not altogether wrong. Filiberty in the modern world. Without a cause his job. that touches the imagination and fires the spirit of the public-leadership will be frustrated.

"Another necessary quality is the ele- farmers into lending him money mentary one of courage-and all of our and opened accounts at several great Presidents have had it even Jefferson banks. Then after several days of who was accused of timidity.

"There are other qualities equally important. One of these is flexibility united with firmness. It can better be illustrated than described. Some of our strong Presidents have lacked it-Wilson, most notably, and Cleveland. Both had firmness, but it was a brittle firmness; neither had flexibility, baby's bath, will leave no ring in neither knew when to make concessions.

Of all our Presidents, Lincoln possessed It is predicted that this revoluthis quality most fully. It is what critics call tionary new cleaning agent will Regular Army Officers under the opportunism; it is what Roosevelt called usher in the "bright, clean world" recent integration program, Lt the quarterback technique. It is a statesmanship that adapts itself to realities, that makes compromises on means in order to gain ends, that makes concessions to persons in order to preserve principles.'

victory this year for the Twelfth Man. Led

by smart quarterbacking on the part of stu-

representatives of A. & M. and Texas Uni-

meetings of the two top state schools.

Should the Aggie student body, cadets

and veterans alike, "play as good a game"

Thanksgiving Day as has been played earlier

this season, there will no longer be any doubt

the use of sanctified humor. There is neith-

deepest form the "Spirit of Aggieland."

among Southwest Conference schools.

'Off-Gridiron' Victories

For years it was the boast of Aggieland that whatever harpened on an athletic playing field, we were never without victory, for we always won the conference "off-thegridiron" championship. This year, for the first time in several seasons, we can once again make that proud dlaim, and justify it.

Last Saturday the Cadet Corps and the veteran student body gave conclusive proof that we are serious in our determination to foster better relations with fellow members of the Southwest Conference. In Houston, as in other Texas cities this year, people were impressed by the honor and self-respect of Aggles, who could come and go, leaving the Rive campus unpainted, Sammy the Owl unmalested, and the police riotsquad untried Instead the Aggles gave Houston a colorful exhibition of spirit and loyal-Ity, conducting themselves as gentlemen, accepting a most bitter defeat in the most sportsmanlike way. We don't like defeats, but we can take them.

Advice for Preachers . . .

We wish all preachers would take the advice of Dr. Herry F. Webb, pastor of San Antonio's First Baptist Church and a topflight sermonizer Says Dr. Webb:

"Have something worth saying. The message of the Bible is both timely and timeless. Preach the word of God rather than the opinions of men.

"Preach with conviction and clarity.
Preachers who live in a spiritual fog will leave their people in a religious haze.

"Be brief. Ordinarily, 30 minutes is long enough. We need more ideas and fewer words. It is better for a minister to quit

preaching belove his audience quits him. "Don't take up valuable time making announcements that will neither be heard nor

'heeded. The pulpit is not a bulletin board.

"In the midst of the world's darkness, the preacher should be a shining light rather than a bag of gas.

"There is no law of God or man against

in good order will prove a valuable pastor's at intervals, which, they say, is no When you have nothing more to say, pronounce the benediction."

According to our Canadian correspon- the police farce" and "the squad of

dent the housing shortage and the consequent uninformed police" are revered, rash of crazy ads has reached as far as Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. An apartment ad in The reporter called them "battlea recent issue of the local paper reads: scarred veterans," but the first edi-"Wanted-suite for un-christian, drinking, tion came out calling them "battlesmoking, noisy, dependably undependable scared veterans." Indignant proyoung married couple. Who will take a

With the paper shortage still on Salt Lake City (Utah) Telegram tells writers how to report their stories—like the marine colonel told his World War II staff officers: "Write stories like a modern girl's bathing suit. . Long enough to cover the subject, but brief enough to be interesting."

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The lunatic made the round of G.A.R. was properly proclaimed. farms in a taxicab after eluding guards at Grange Norman Mental Institution near Dublin. He talked freedom, he taxied back to the asy-

Science, wonderful science, has at last found a way to eliminate the ring in the bathtub. A new synthetic detergent, powerful enough to wash a highway and yet mild enough to be used in food or in a the tub for the housewife to scour.

In Baltimore, Peter J. Tringali gave way to the urge every driver jor, DC; Clinton S. Maupin, Lt.

has experienced and had to pay Col., MC; Ralph B. Smith, Capa \$15 fine in traffic court. Tringali testified that a big 1st. Lt., MC. truck crowded him as he drove alongside. When both vehicles stopped at the next corner for a red light, Tringali got out and poked This was the fifth "off-the-gridiron" the truck driver in the eye.

Fred Gainer of Pekin, Ill., is dent leaders, A&M has taken the initiative keeping a close watch on his barnin all of these games toward restoring a yard until pheasant season is over

A hunter, described by Gainer as worthy and more enjoyable friendly rivalry "undoubtedly an amateur," drove into the Gainer barnyard recently, The final "engagement" of the football stepped from his car, and shot one year for the Twelfth Man has begun already. of Gainer's fancy Rhode Island Red The "stay at home week" plan adopted by roosters. Mrs. Gainer hurfied from the

house and protested vigorously. versity started officially on Monday and will "Why did you kill our rooster?" continue through the period leading up to she asked the Turkey Day game. This plan was chosen "That's a cock pheasant," the

in an effort to eliminate the vandalism and hunter replied. misdemeanors that have blemished recent Gainer said. "That, sir, is a rooster," Mrs. The hunter retreated, leaving the

"cock pheasant where it lay.

Zoo workers in Pittsburgh last week were struggling with the biggest stomach ache in the zoo's histhat sportsmanship at A. & M shows in tory. Gloria, an elephant, was laid up with chronic indigestion. To prevent the three ton pachyderm from getting hypostatic pneumonia, her keepers have to turn her er niety nor sense in a holy whine. A liver over, from one side to the other,

> Typographical errors /amuse nearly everyone but their authors. The ones about the "detective on but the prize one is about the Memorial Day parade of the G.A.R. tests brought the promise that it

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PROFESSORS? Editor, The Battalion:

There has been some discussion on professors and their quizzes in The Battalion as of late, and I clipped this bit of information out of the LIFE magazine which thought was worth passing on. I believe it is more truth than fiction and I also believe that such situations do exist here on our

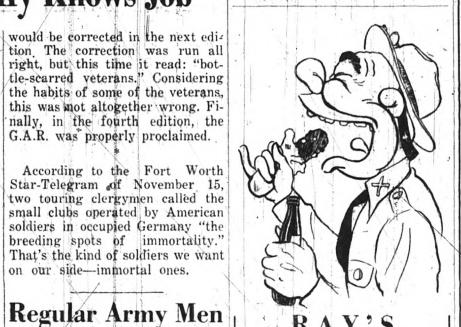
Sincerely, E. C. Abrahamson, '48,

"We professors are largely responsible for student cheating. We "1. Our own stupidity. Any

professor who gives the kind of quiz that can be passed by cribbing off the cuff, etc. isn't quite

2. What we expect from the student in an examination. All semester he has been toting thick textbooks in some half-a-dozen subjects. In addition he has class lectures and collateral assignments. No mind, however brilliant, can absorb so much information in so short a time. Yet the student is expected to enter an examination blind, while the professor, who has confined himself to one field, has all along relied on his notes. He would "flunk" without them.

."3. The artificiality of the whole examination system. The student is supposed to know the answers



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MORE ON PROFS? Editor, The Battalion:

Two letters have recently been printed by the Battalion protesting about the professors at this school. Certainly the protests are not unfounded.

But two facts hit me in the face as I read the above mentioned correspondence. Each letter assumed that the situation of which they complained was peculiar to the A & M College of Texas, a neither had any suggestion to of fer except to get rid of 'bad professors" or appeal to them to change their ways.

Is this a fair and constructive way in which to approach the matter? Surely most professorial shortcomings are caused by the



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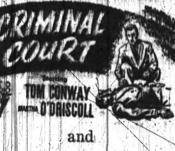
normal expected variations in hu-man behavior. Since most educational institutions require that their instructors be selected from the human race, I think it just barely possible that some other school might happen to have a few professors who are not per

o the remedies. As to the remedies — can we draw a sharp dividing line between good professors and bad ones and then ride the bad ones out on a rail? Why not investigate the situation with the idea of improving the teaching technique of all the professors? And the learning methods of all the students? Such a move may appear to be rather obvious, but I have a hunch that it might be unique among the methods pracunique among the methods prac-(Continued from Page 2)

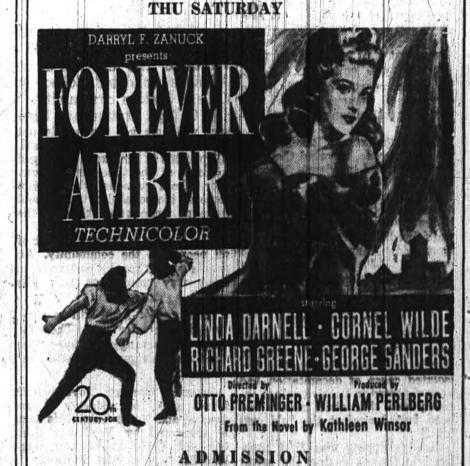




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